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## Walter Arvinger Freed with Help of Law Professor, Students



(left to right) Karen Rothenberg, Michael Millemann, Walter Arvinger, Steven Arvinger, Steven Schwinn, and David Ramsay

LENA FLEMINGER

After 36 years in prison, Walter Arvinger, 55, was freed on Nov. 29 when Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. commuted his life sentence for a murder conviction. School of Law professors Michael Millemann, JD; Steven Schwinn, JD; Renee Hutchins, JD; and more than 30 law school students who had investigated Arvinger's conviction and believed in his innocence requested the commutation. Millemann praised Ehrlich for "re-opening the clemency process for life-sentenced prisoners in Maryland."

Arvinger's case was one of the first to be championed by the School's Post-Trial Process Clinic, established by Millemann and Hutchins, in part to challenge convictions when an inmate is believed to be innocent. Schwinn and students in his legal research and writing course also were central participants in the case.

In 1968, Arvinger was accused of joining four other teenagers in a plot to rob Baltimore resident James R. Brown. In the course of the robbery, Brown was beaten to death with a baseball bat. Witnesses at Arvinger's trial, including the prosecution's central

witness, testified that he did not wield the bat and did not participate in planning or executing the attack. Arvinger said he had gone to a convenience store and only later came upon the robbery in progress. The murder trial, held in Baltimore, lasted less than a day. Arvinger was sentenced to life imprisonment. He was 19.

In December 2002, Arvinger wrote a letter to Millemann asking for help in appealing his conviction. Millemann reviewed the trial transcripts and was shocked by what he found.

"I was appalled to see that Walter was convicted on no evidence," says Millemann. "The trial took only 3 hours and the transcript was only 90 pages. I knew this was not handled properly. He never should have been convicted."

Millemann began retrieving Arvinger's case materials in the spring and summer of 2003. He and Schwinn divided the case into sections and assigned the sections to teams of law students in their legal research and writing course, and Millemann's clinical course.

The law school students worked on Arvinger's case throughout an 18-month period. The students were drawn from several courses over three semesters: Post-Conviction

and Post-Trial Process Clinics; Legal Analysis, Writing, and Research III; and Summer Clinic.

Last summer, Millemann gathered all of the students' work and condensed it into a memorandum for the Maryland Parole Commission and the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel. He and several Summer Clinic students filed the memo with the commission, met with the commission, submitted the memo to the Governor's Office of Legal Counsel, and met with representatives from the office.

In November, Millemann, Schwinn, and Hutchins received word that Arvinger would likely have his life sentence commuted to 45 years, and would be released after 36 years in prison, with credit for good behavior. On Nov. 29, Millemann, and Arvinger's brother, Baltimore police officer Steven Arvinger, traveled to the Western Correctional Institution in Cumberland, Md., to pick up Arvinger. He was freed at 3 p.m. and returned home to Baltimore shortly before 6 p.m. that evening. Arvinger now lives with Steven in northwest Baltimore. He spends his days with his family—a grown son, five grandchildren, his mother, and 105-year-old grandmother.

On Dec. 2, the School of Law held a reception for Arvinger and his family. Arvinger was able to meet the law students, many for the first time, who had worked so diligently on his behalf. Also attending were School of Law Dean Karen Rothenberg, JD, MPA; University President David Ramsay, DM, DPhil; and, of course, Millemann, Schwinn, and Hutchins.

At the reception, Arvinger himself took the podium. "I don't really have words to say what I need to say," he said. "But thank you, thank you."

## MLK and Black History Month Celebration

The University will celebrate the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Black History Month on Wednesday, Feb. 2, at noon in the Medical School Teaching Facility Auditorium. This year's theme is "Together at a Table of Brotherhood."

George L. Russell Jr., JD '54, chairman of the Board of the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture, will deliver the keynote address. Russell helped to raise half of the \$20 million endowment needed for the museum, which is set to open in Baltimore in early 2005.

Currently an attorney with the Law Offices of Peter G. Angelos, Russell became the first African-American judge on Maryland's Circuit Court in 1966. He has also served as the city's first African-American solicitor and president of the Baltimore City Bar Association.

The event will feature the presentation of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Diversity Recognition Award. The award recognizes an individual or group whose contributions and achievements in the

areas of diversity and inclusiveness reflect this year's theme. Recipients model the personal and professional commitment to the ideals epitomized by King's life and work.

To nominate someone who represents the qualities and characteristics of this award, visit the award Web site at [www.oea.umaryland.edu/giving/events/mlkaward](http://www.oea.umaryland.edu/giving/events/mlkaward) to download a nomination form. Award criteria are effectiveness, impact, uniqueness, and longevity. Nominations must be submitted by 4 p.m., Jan. 12 to your school or division coordinator. A list of coordinators can be found on the Web site.

This year, two awards will be presented. One award will recognize an outstanding faculty or staff member (or group), and the other will recognize an outstanding student (or student group).

The event is free and open to students, staff, and faculty. Refreshments will be served after the program. Tickets are necessary for admission to the event, and are available in deans' and vice presidents' offices. For more information, contact the Office of Special Events at 6-8035.

## A Successful Year for Maryland Charity Campaign

LENA FLEMINGER

In 2004, UMB raised more than \$405,000 for the Maryland Charity Campaign (MCC) with nearly 34 percent of the University community (1,500 people) contributing.

The campaign's chair, Dave DeLooze, assistant director of Facilities Management, organizes an annual breakfast to show appreciation for contributors and campaign volunteers. This year's event was held at Westminster Hall on Nov. 16. President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, opened the breakfast by thanking the campus community for its enthusiasm and devotion.

DeLooze thanked the executive committee and the departmental coordinators, as well as all those who contributed to the campaign. "This year's theme was 'Giving Never Felt So Good,'" said DeLooze. "I want to thank you all personally and on behalf of the thousands whose quality of life will be dramatically improved because of the time, talents, and contributions that each of you brought to this campaign."



Lenny Moore and Dave DeLooze

The MCC raises money through state agencies to benefit charitable and other nonprofit organizations in Maryland. Last year, the entire campaign raised nearly \$3.6 million, of which the University raised \$350,000.

School of Social Work Dean Jesse Harris, PhD; Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Planning, Betsy Burian; and Lenny Moore, former Baltimore Colts player and NFL Hall of Famer, spoke at the event. This year's breakfast also included entertainment and drawings for prizes ranging from gift certificates and passes for free parking to concert and theater tickets.

## Medicine Receives \$6.5 Million to Investigate Infertility

LARRY ROBERTS

The School of Medicine recently received a 5-year, \$6.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to investigate the causes of infertility. The grant will fund research conducted by the University's Specialized Cooperative Centers Program in Reproductive Research, one of only 13 such programs in the country.

"Infertility is caused by a wide range of environmental and biological factors we don't fully

understand," says Eugene D. Albrecht, PhD, professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences at the School, and director of the center. "Understanding the causes of infertility will provide clues to future treatments."

Albrecht conducted a recent study in collaboration with the Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, which found that estrogen deprivation during pregnancy could significantly impact the fertility of female offspring.

"If you suppress estrogen during pregnancy, female baboons are born with only half of the normal number of eggs, and many of those eggs are unhealthy," says Gerald J. Pepe, PhD, professor and chairman, Department of Physiological Sciences at the Eastern Virginia Medical School. "When the mother's estrogen is restored before birth, the number of eggs in the offspring return to normal," says Pepe, the primary investigator for the study, which was published in the journal *Endocrinology*.



# Congress Approves Three Grants for UMB

ED FISHEL

Led by the Maryland delegation, the U.S. Congress has approved three grants in the FY05 Omnibus Appropriations bill for UMB. The funds will help expand the teaching and research capacity of the School of Pharmacy, create a new nurse educator program in the School of Nursing, and continue a pioneering nuclear medicine research project at the Greenebaum Cancer Center.

The \$496,000 grant to the School of Pharmacy, championed by Rep. Steny Hoyer, will be used to help expand the teaching, research, and development capacity of the School at a time when the need for pharmacists is rapidly growing.

“We are in the midst of a national pharmacist shortage,” says David A. Knapp, PhD, dean of the School of Pharmacy. “The mission of the School is to improve the health of citizens by educating pharmacists and conducting research related to the discovery and development of medicines. The importance of this mission is heightened by the demographic imperative of the aging baby boomer generation, which uses more medications.”

The \$248,000 grant to establish an Institute for Nurse Educators in the School of Nursing, pursued by Sen. Barbara Mikulski, and Reps. Elijah Cummings and Steny Hoyer, will help address the nationwide shortage of nurses and nurse educators. The Institute will prepare nurses with the essential knowledge and skills to assume teaching roles in Maryland and the surrounding region.

“In Maryland, and across the country, the lack of faculty is contributing to the overall decline in the ability of nursing schools to increase enrollments during a nursing shortage,” says Janet D. Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, dean of the School of Nursing. “In 2003, the hospital RN vacancy rate in Maryland was 10.8 percent. As we try to fill those vacancies with newly educated nurses, the shortage of faculty last year resulted in over 1,850 qualified students being denied admission to associate’s degree and baccalaureate nursing programs in Maryland.”

The Institute for Nurse Educators will draw from the expertise of the School of Nursing and other University System of Maryland schools to provide classroom and Web-based coursework for a master’s degree, a doctoral degree, or a post-master’s certificate in nursing education. The institute is a model that could be replicated across the country.

The \$750,000 grant for research into the use of a Cold War nuclear isotope to treat cancer continues a project supported by Rep. Steny Hoyer and involving the American Russian Cancer Alliance, the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia, the Greenebaum Cancer Center, and researchers from the schools of medicine and pharmacy. They are investigating whether actinium, a byproduct of Russian nuclear stockpiles, can be used for cancer treatment.

Actinium, a powerful source of alpha rays, is extracted from uranium. University of Maryland researchers are working on a novel approach using polymers to deliver

bismuth, a derivative of actinium, directly into tumors. The goal is to destroy the blood vessels that feed the cancer in order to stop its growth. The technique is first being tested in laboratories before it will be offered to patients in carefully controlled clinical trials.

On behalf of the UMB campus, President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, thanked the Maryland delegation for its work on the grants. Ramsay cited the importance of the grants to address the pharmacist and nurse educator shortages, and to continue the research that “shows great promise in thwarting the spread of cancer.”

“I’m so proud of this federal investment in University of Maryland, Baltimore, to establish an institute for nursing educators. No school should have to turn away nursing students for lack of faculty, and these funds will address this critical shortage of nurse educators. I will keep fighting in the United States Senate to make nursing a priority in the federal law book and the federal checkbook,” says Senator Mikulski.

“This federal funding will allow the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy to address the pharmacists shortage and expand their enrollment and educational opportunities,” said Congressman Hoyer, a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. “Further, I am proud to continue to support the unique American Russian Cancer Alliance, which is working to turn one of the world’s greatest security threats—nuclear weapons materials—into a potential cure for one of the world’s greatest health threats—cancer.”

# Susan Orr Visits Social Work



Jesse Harris and Susan Orr

ROSALIA SCALIA

Susan Orr, PhD, associate commissioner of the Children’s Bureau in the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, visited the School of Social Work on Oct. 27. Orr was there to announce the FY05 Children’s Bureau grant awards in Maryland.

The School of Social Work received a 4-year, \$400,000 Children’s Bureau grant for its project, “Excellence in Public Child Welfare Supervision.” The grant funds a partnership between the Maryland Department of Human Resources and the School, which is intended to increase the pool of MSW-prepared social workers specifically educated for public child welfare supervisory practice and leadership. Pre- and post-tests will measure project participants’ values, knowledge, and skills in child welfare practices, preparing them for their first supervisory roles in the field.

School of Social Work faculty members Jennie D. Bloom, MSW, assistant dean for field instruction; and Debra Linsenmeyer, MSW, LCSW-C, educational director of Title IV-E education for the public child welfare program, are co-principle investigators for the project. Title IV-E is a national child welfare reform brought about through federal legislation of the same name. The School of Social Work partners with the Department of Human Resources to prepare BSW and MSW candidates for public child welfare practice and to improve service delivery for Maryland’s most vulnerable children and their families.

Joining School administrators at the event were representatives from other organizations that received grants: the Governor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families; the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council; and the National Federation of the Blind. Christopher McCabe, secretary of the Maryland Department of Human Resources, and Mary Leach, PhD, senior assistant to University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, also attended.

The Governor’s Office for Children, Youth and Families received a grant of \$250,000 from the Children’s Bureau; the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council received \$100,000; and the National Federation of the Blind received \$114,162.

“The grants announced by Dr. Orr will have a significant effect on some of Maryland’s most disadvantaged citizens—those affected by disabilities or child abuse and neglect,” says Diane DePanfilis, PhD, assistant dean for research in the School and co-director of the School’s Center for Families. DePanfilis is a current Children’s Bureau grant recipient for her Family Connections project, which provides services and support to at-risk families living in Baltimore’s west side neighborhood.

# An Update from the Office of Government and Community Affairs

DEB NEELS

## SSM Financial Aid Taskforce: Recommendations to Expand Access and Affordability

A special USM Financial Aid Taskforce has issued recommendations on maintaining and expanding access to USM institutions. The report calls for redirecting some student aid money and finding new sources of funding to increase the number of students receiving aid.

- Major recommendations include:
- Reducing the amount of debt taken on by undergraduate students, especially those who can afford only 25 percent or less of the cost of college
  - Increasing aid to students who transfer from community colleges to 4-year institutions
  - Using the Internet to help students better understand and apply for financial aid

Recommendations of particular interest to graduate and professional students include:

- Modifying the Loan Assistance Repayment Programs (LARP) to be more flexible
- Increasing funds for the LARP, nursing, and graduate and professional scholarships programs

To finance the changes, the taskforce suggests reallocating some of the new money brought in by tuition increases, soliciting more private donations, and asking for increased state support. The full report can be found at [www.usmd.edu/Leadership/Chancellor/SpecialDocs/fatf04.doc](http://www.usmd.edu/Leadership/Chancellor/SpecialDocs/fatf04.doc).

## MHEC State Plan

The Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) recently released its 2004 Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education, which identifies five goals that are critical to the ongoing development of higher education in Maryland. The goals encompass quality and effectiveness, access and affordability, diversity, student-centered learning systems, and economic growth and vitality. The plan sets forth recommendations to continue the focus on building a preeminent postsecondary educational system.

- Highlights of the report include:
- Providing appropriate funding levels for higher education based on funding guidelines and statutory formulas to ensure predictable tuition levels and maintain institutional quality

- Providing state matching funds to promote donations from the private sector and encourage institutions to increase private fund raising for student financial aid programs
- Providing funds to support faculty development and the use of advanced technologies in instruction
- Expanding and revising state need-based aid programs
- Developing policies to improve the graduation rates of minority students and to recruit and retain minority faculty and professional staff
- Enhancing cultural competency and cultural awareness
- Increasing the capacity of Maryland’s colleges and universities to meet critical work force shortage areas
- Promoting policies that support and enhance academic research and development efforts and eliminate barriers not found in competing states

The 2004 plan offers policy makers and postsecondary education leaders the direction to further enhance Maryland’s already strong and vibrant system of postsecondary education. To review the full report, go to [www.mhec.state.md.us/higherEd/2004Plan/index.asp](http://www.mhec.state.md.us/higherEd/2004Plan/index.asp).



# New Financial and Grants System for Campus

CHRIS PHILLIPS

As part of the multi-year eUMB Project, the campus is moving forward in the upgrade of its administrative systems. The new financial and grants management system was presented at a campus-wide meeting on Dec. 10 in the School of Social Work Auditorium. Approximately 150 UMB staff and faculty members attended. The eUMB Project's objective is to replace UMB's core administrative applications for human resources, payroll, finance, procurement, and grants management with integrated software from PeopleSoft. The project's sponsors are Peter Murray, PhD, vice president and CIO, Center for Information Technology Services; James Hill, MPA, vice president, Administration and Finance; and James Hughes, MBA, vice president, Research and Development. The new system is designed to provide users with expanded and timely access to

financial and grants information, according to Murray. PeopleSoft includes components for purchasing, accounts payable, general ledger, grants management, and billing. Campus users will gain access to these modules through an electronic portal that was demonstrated at the meeting. The eUMB project team will develop an online tool (RAVEN) for reporting and viewing enterprise data. As a sophisticated, Web-based tool for collecting information from the eUMB system, RAVEN will organize and sort data in multiple ways. "This integrated software will improve our transaction processing and provide improved reporting capability for our financial and grants information," says John Geiman, MPA, associate vice president for Budget and Finance. A copy of the presentation can be found at [www.umaryland.edu/eUMB/support/presentations.html](http://www.umaryland.edu/eUMB/support/presentations.html).

# Nursing School Observes World AIDS Day

ROSALIA SCALIA

Commemorated around the world on Dec. 1, World AIDS Day marks the progress made in the battle against the epidemic and focuses on the remaining challenges. This year, the attention is on women and girls and HIV/AIDS. At the School of Nursing, the observance ran from Nov. 30 to Dec. 3 with a series of free events to raise awareness of the issues surrounding HIV/AIDS. The observance was kicked off on Nov. 30 with a display of two, large 12-by-12 panels of the AIDS Memorial Quilt hung in the School of Nursing lobby. A daily brown-bag luncheon seminar series explored various aspects of living with AIDS or HIV. Barbara Smith, PhD, associate dean for research, delivered a presentation on HIV/AIDS nutrition, exercise, and health promotion. Other speakers included Rev. Debra Hickman, director of the Sisters Together and Rising (STAR) Project, who discussed the inner sanctum of women with AIDS; Bethany Griffen Deeds, PhD, assistant professor at the School of Medicine, who emphasized talking to teens about AIDS; Sandra Wearins, MS, director of community education at the Institute of Human Virology, who

discussed women in AIDS/HIV research; Keith Plowden, PhD, RN, assistant professor at the School of Nursing; and Lawrence Miller from the Black Educational AIDS Project (BEAP), who spoke about working with the community to fight HIV. "We tried to focus on adolescents—the population with the fastest increase in the incidents of HIV/AIDS," says Kathy Schaivone, MPA, clinical instructor and manager of the Clinical Education and Evaluation Lab at the School, and one of the observance organizers. In addition to the lunchtime lecture series, the School sponsored a World AIDS Day Open House during which representatives from various AIDS-related organizations were on hand to discuss AIDS and HIV, and to disseminate information, educational materials, and contacts for community resources. During the observance, the School also sponsored daily screenings of the World YMCA film, "Women Are...Leading Change," which features Dr. Musimbi Kanyoro of the YMCA, Dr. Kathleen Cravero of UNAIDS, and actress Emma Thompson. During the weeklong observance, the School offered free, confidential HIV testing at the School of Medicine Adolescent and Young Adult Center.

# Associate Dean in School of Social Work Retires

ROSALIA SCALIA

An era came to a close in 2004 when Lily Gold, associate dean for administration and registration, School of Social Work, retired after 37 years. Nearly 150 members of the campus community, and faculty, staff, and alumni of the School gathered for a luncheon at the Dr. Samuel D. Harris National Museum of Dentistry on Dec. 7 to honor Gold and to bid her adieu. University President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil, spoke at the gathering, calling her "a legend." In addition, Jesse J. Harris, PhD, dean of the School, presented Gold with two photographs of the School of Social Work, which were taken in 1967—the year she arrived and the year that began the "Lily Gold Era," he said. Gold joined the School as an assistant to the School's then-dean, Daniel Thurz, PhD. During her tenure, she has worked under five deans and helped shepherd the School through the growth of its faculty, research, and funding. Gold also helped with the School's physical expansion, overseeing all aspects of planning for furnishings for the Hilda Katz Blaustein Center for Public Service Research, the social work portion of the new law and social work building, and has supported thousands of students over the years. Thirty-seven years later, Gold has changed the lives of countless students, faculty, and staff members. "Through all the changes this School and campus have experienced, Lily has never lost sight of what means the most in this business of ours—the students," said Harris, who has been dean of the School for the past 13 years. "Lily has single-handedly made life better for the students at the School of Social Work, helping them through every imaginable difficulty—financial stress, personal challenges, family crises, and health issues." "I was a student when I first met her," said Gisele Feretto, MSW '82, now an instructor in the School's Title IV-E program. "There are a lot of people here who met her as students and now are faculty." Well-wishers hugged Gold warmly. "I will miss you," said Carrie Burmaster, LCSW-C, director of the UMB Counseling Center.



Lily Gold

# In Memoriam: Marshall L. Rennels, PhD



Marshall L. Rennels

The School of Medicine lost a dear friend and colleague on Oct. 29, 2004, when Marshall L. Rennels, PhD, adjunct professor, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, died after a long battle with cancer. Rennels, a faculty member for almost 40 years, was one of the pillars of the basic science faculty, contributing tremendously to the School of Medicine and to the field of neuroscience. He came to the School in 1966 after receiving his PhD in anatomy from the University of Texas Medical Branch. A well-liked man among faculty and students, Rennels was very active at the School, chairing the Year 1 Curriculum Committee for several years, serving as the second director of the MD/PhD Program, and serving as acting chair of the Department of Anatomy from 1990 to 1994. His students held him in high regard, evident in the many awards they bestowed upon him. He earned the Student Council Award for Excellence in Teaching 18 times and on ten occasions was given the American Medical Student Association's Golden Apple Award. Additionally, Rennels had been elected to membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society and was chosen to receive the University's first Founders Day Teacher of the Year Award in 1996. "Marshall was a great guy and we miss him," says longtime colleague and friend Brad Alger, PhD, professor, departments of physiology and psychiatry and the Program in Neuroscience.

## IN THE NEWS

An editorial, "Those Who Have Made a Difference," delivered by WBAL-TV general manager Bill Fine on Nov. 29, saluted the contributions made to the region by **UMB President David J. Ramsay, DM, DPhil**. The editorial credits Ramsay for taking UMB "to unprecedented levels during his 10-year tenure, generating over \$2 billion in economic activity in Maryland annually."

*"As the numbers keep growing year after year after year, and larger proportions of the population appear to be suffering from conditions or getting treatments they may or may not be benefiting from, that would be an argument to follow large cohorts of patients in community studies to assess effectiveness and safety."* In the Dec. 3 edition of *The Washington Post*, **Julie Magno Zito, MS, PhD**, associate professor, schools of pharmacy and medicine, discussed the rising rate of antidepressant use in the United States. Use of such drugs by all adults has nearly tripled in the last decade, according to new federal figures.

*"The race issue will finally get litigated and resolved."* In the Dec. 6 edition of *The Washington Times*, **Michael Millemann, JD**, a professor in the School of Law who represents death-row inmate John Boo, spoke about a recent challenge to the death sentence in Maryland on grounds of racial bias. Three Maryland death-row inmates, running out of appeals, have filed or plan to file challenges to their death sentences based on a nearly 2-year-old study of race and Maryland's death penalty. Judges likely will have to determine whether Maryland's death penalty law allows race to seep into the decisions prosecutors make.

A story in the *Baltimore Sun's* Nov. 29 education supplement, "Desperately Seeking Nurse Educators," highlighted the School of Nursing's new Institute for Nurse Educators and the new "Teaching in Nursing and Health Professions" certificate program. **Janet Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN**, dean of the School, and **Louise Jenkins, PhD, RN**, assistant professor and co-director of the Institute, are quoted. **Carol O'Neil, PhD, RN**, co-director of the Institute, is also recognized.

*"He's no hothead. He's doing this because he thinks these drugs are dangerous and he's going to save lives."* In the Dec. 6 *Baltimore Sun*, **Paul Stolley, MPH, MD**, clinical professor, School of Medicine, discussed U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) safety officer David Graham, who has repeatedly publicly accused his supervisors of failing to guarantee the safety of America's drugs. Stolley worked in the FDA's drug safety office in 2000.

In a Dec. 6 *Associated Press* story, **Abraham Dash, JD**, professor, School of Law, spoke about Gov. Ehrlich's ban to keep state officials from talking to a *Baltimore Sun* columnist and reporter. Constitutional law experts and attorneys are debating whether the governor violated the freedom of speech when he banned the journalists. Dash said that the First Amendment prohibits the governor from trying to stop the paper from printing stories he does not like.

LAURELS

Dental School

**Sharon M. Gordon, DDS, MPH, PhD**, associate professor, Department of Biomedical Sciences, and **Raymond A. Dionne, DDS, PhD**, head of the Pain and Neurosensory Mechanisms Branch, National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), co-authored the cover article in the November issue of the *Journal of the American Dental Association*, “The Integration of Clinical Research into Dental Therapeutics: The Role of the Astute Clinician.”

**Mark A. Reynolds, DDS, PHD**, associate professor, and **Gerald Bowers, DDS, MS, FACD, FICD**, professor emeritus, were the recipients of the 2004 R. Earl Robinson Regeneration Award, which was presented through the American Academy of Periodontology. This award is presented to the authors of the peer-reviewed published paper that has contributed most to the knowledge of periodontal regeneration in a given calendar year. The paper, “Factors Influencing the Outcome of Regenerative Therapy in Mandibular Class II Furcations: Part I,” appeared in the *Journal of Periodontology*. In October, Reynolds also was inducted into the International College of Dentists.

In November, the Eastern Shore Oral Health Outreach Project received a certificate of appreciation from the Talbot County School Board for its efforts to improve the oral health of Talbot County schoolchildren. The project, a community outreach mission administered by the Dental School and sponsored by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, works to improve access to oral health care for low-income children and bring health education to children and adults on the Eastern Shore. Dental School faculty and staffers **Mark Macek, DDS, DrPH**, principal investigator; **Judy Gaston**, project director; **Kathie Kaye**, outreach coordinator; and **Tina Watson**, administrative assistant, were honored during the awards ceremony.

School of Law

**Donald Gifford, JD**, professor, presented a lecture, “The New Wave: Collective Actions and Responsibilities,” at the Thomas F. Lambert Tort Law Conference on Sophisticated New Tort Theories at the Center for Advanced Legal Studies at Suffolk University Law School, Boston, on Oct. 29.

**Daniel Goldberg, JD**, professor, presented a talk, “The Consumption Tax and the Wealth Tax as Alternative Tax Systems,” with David Shakow, JD, a professor emeritus at the University of Pennsylvania School of Law, on Oct. 25 in Washington, D.C. The talk was sponsored by the tax group of Baker & Hostetler LLP.

**Michael Greenberger, JD**, professor and director of the Center for Health and Homeland Security, was a presenter at the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law and Duquesne University School of Law’s National Symposium: “Tracking Terrorism in the 21st Century.” The event was held in Pittsburgh from Oct. 21–23.

**Garrett Power, LLB, LLM**, professor, presented a lecture, “Prelude to *Brown v. Board of Education*: The NAACP’s First Attempts... To Sue Jim Crow Out of Maryland with the Fourteenth Amendment,” to the Charles County Heritage Commission at the College of Southern Maryland on Oct. 29.

**Frederic Smalkin, JD**, senior judicial fellow and lecturer, gave two talks at the University of Redlands in Redlands, Calif., on Oct. 21, “The Interstate Commerce Clause,” and “The American Legal System from the Perspective of Emerging Nations.”

School of Medicine

**Allan Krumholz, MD**, professor, Department of Neurology, published an article, “Mortality in Epilepsy: Driving Fatalities vs. Other Causes of Death in Patients with Epilepsy,” in *Neurology* 2004.

**A. James Mixson, MD**, assistant professor, Department of Pathology, was awarded a \$1,095,932 grant from the National Cancer Institute, “Enhanced Systematic Gene Delivery of P53 in a Tumor-Bearing Mouse Model.” Mixson’s work will strive to clarify the mechanisms by which the H-K polymer enhances the stability of liposome DK complexes, particularly in the presence of serum.

**David M. Shepard, PhD**, assistant professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, was awarded a \$775,000 collaborative grant from the National Science Foundation to investigate how cancer radiation therapies can be adapted throughout the treatment process to account for anatomical changes or patient movement.

**H. Ronald Zielke, PhD**, professor, Department of Pediatrics, received \$4,552,400 from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development for a 5-year competitive contract renewal to fund the Brain and Tissue Bank for Developmental Disorders. The contract is entering its 14th year of funding.

School of Pharmacy

**Gary H. Smith, PharmD**, professor, was recently certified as president-elect for 2005–2006 of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Research and Science (APRS) Executive Committee, the research arm of the American Pharmacists Association (APhA), the nation’s largest organization of pharmacists.

**Anthony Tommasello, PhD**, professor, was recently certified as chair-elect for 2005–2006 of the APhA-APRS Clinical Sciences Section.

School of Nursing

**Todd Ambrosia, PhD, CRNP**, assistant professor, Department of Family and Community Health (FCH), received an Award of Distinction for Outstanding Service from the National Men’s Health Network (NMHN), for service as a member of their board of advisors and for efforts in providing global health care and health education to young men. The NMHN is actively engaged in the advocacy of men’s health issues on the state and federal level, and is dedicated to the development of an Office of Men’s Health at NIH.

**Mary Haack, PhD, RN, FAAN**, associate professor and department chair, FCH, recently received the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse’s Betty Ford Award, which recognizes an academic who has made a significant contribution to the topic of women and substance abuse. As the award recipient, Haack delivered a lecture, “Women and Children: Casualties of the War on Drugs,” at the awards ceremony.

**Eun-Shim Nahm, PhD, RN**, assistant professor, Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health (OS&AH), received a 1-year Junior Faculty Scholar Award from the Claude D. Pepper Older American Independence Center. Nahm will examine the efficacy of a health-promoting Web site for older adults with an emphasis on hip fracture prevention and management of osteoporosis.

**Barbara Resnick, PhD, CRNP, FAAN**, associate professor, OS&AH, received the Springer Award in Geriatric/Gerontological Nursing at the Gerontological Society of America’s Nursing Care of Older Adults Interest Group Meeting, held recently in Washington, D.C.

**Claudia Smith, PhD, RN, BC**, assistant professor, FCH, co-authored the third edition of a baccalaureate nursing textbook, published in October 2004, *Community/Public Health Nursing Practice: Health for Families and Populations*.

School of Social Work

**Lucy Bassin, MSW**, clinical instructor, presented a workshop, “Children’s Developmental Perspective on Death: Assessment and Intervention,” at the 10th Annual Baltimore City Health Department Resource Fair.

**John Belcher, PhD**, professor; **Bruce DeForge, PhD**, associate professor; and **Carmen Morano, PhD**, associate professor, co-authored an article, “Treating Resistant Couples: In Conservative Christian and Jewish Traditions,” which was recently published in *Family Therapy*.

**Kathleen Deal, DSW**, assistant professor, published an article, “The Relationship Between Critical Thinking and Interpersonal Skills: Guidelines for Clinical Supervision,” in *The Clinical Supervisor*. Deal also spoke to the mid-Atlantic field consortium at the University of Maryland Shady Grove campus on the topic, “Tracking Student Development Through Analyzing Process Recordings.”

**Carlton Munson, DSW**, professor, delivered the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Maryland Association of Social Service Boards, “Touching Tomorrow: The Past, the Present, and the Future in Meeting the Needs of Maryland’s Children.” The presentation included a visual history of child welfare services in Maryland, the role of history in planning new programs based on the developmental needs of traumatized children, and a summary of Munson’s research on developmental delays in the child welfare population.



# New AmeriCorps Program at Center for Health Workforce Development

ROSALIA SCALIA

Bringing relief to overburdened health care workers is the goal of a pilot program initiated by the University’s Center for Health Workforce Development. Funded through a grant from the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism, as well as through matching funds from health care partners for a total budget of \$367,000, the program is equipping volunteers to work alongside area health care personnel.

Twelve AmeriCorps volunteers, ages 17 to 45, are receiving special training to prepare for service in area health care settings. Those settings—also funding partners—include three University of Maryland Medical System hospitals: Mt. Washington Pediatric; Kernan Hospital and University Specialty Hospital; various MedStar health sites, such as Good Samaritan and Union Memorial hospitals; and Erickson Retirement Communities (Charlestown). The volunteers will provide auxiliary support to nurses and other health care professionals in delivering patient care services.

“They will be in the trenches, helping to improve access to health care for Marylanders,” says Barbara R. Heller, EdD, RN, FAAN, executive director of the center.

The volunteer presence in area health care settings is intended to reduce the burden on personnel in hospitals, long-term



AmeriCorps volunteers

care facilities, and other health care settings. After training, the volunteers will be certified to perform important direct patient-care functions. A long-term objective of the program is to develop a sustainable health care volunteer model that can be replicated elsewhere.

Heller adds, “Another objective of the AmeriCorps program is to create an educational pipeline that encourages this diverse corps of volunteers to pursue a variety of health careers, and to instill in them a life-long commitment to community service.”

The volunteers gathered at the Lombard Street building in early September for a swearing-in ceremony led by representatives from the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism.

# MPC Partners with Giant Food in Holiday Safety Campaign



Bruce Anderson speaks at a Giant Food store.

MIKE LURIE

The Maryland Poison Center (MPC) in the School of Pharmacy partnered with the supermarket chain Giant Food in November and December to conduct a joint campaign on safe preparation of holiday food and poison-prevention tips that are especially relevant to the holiday season.

Traditionally, Giant Food and the MPC have conducted separate public awareness initiatives about these issues during the holidays. They chose to join forces this year to reach a wider audience.

Moreover, the two organizations invited the National Capital Poison Center to participate in a related campaign in mid-December for the metropolitan area in Washington, D.C.

The relationship between Giant Food and the MPC was established under the leadership of David A. Knapp, PhD, dean, School of Pharmacy, and Barry Scher, vice president for marketing at Giant Food. Faculty from the School, such as Magaly Rodriguez de Bittner, PharmD, associate dean, have regularly offered counseling services and pharmaceutical expertise at Giant pharmacies for patients with diabetes.

Odonna Matthews, vice president for consumer affairs at Giant Food, embraced the effort to team with the MPC. She and Bruce Anderson, PharmD, DABAT, director of the MPC and associate professor, School of Pharmacy, worked together to form the main points of their public awareness campaign.

Matthews and Anderson appeared

together at a press conference on Nov. 22, three days before Thanksgiving, at the Giant Food store in the Rotunda Mall in north Baltimore. It was covered by three Baltimore television news stations.

Anderson subsequently was a live guest during Thanksgiving week on WBAL Radio’s morning news program and WBAL-TV’s noon newscast.

In addition, coverage was distributed nationally on wire services and through several trade publications. Information was also made available on the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Web site, with a summary of the poison-prevention tips and a video of Anderson at the Rotunda Mall press conference.

Anderson emphasized taking precautions against certain poisoning hazards. Five hazards, specifically, are more prominent during the holiday season because of the combination of cold weather and a heightened level of family activity: accidental poisonings with household cleaning chemicals; carbon monoxide poisoning; poison plants; consumption of antifreeze; and accidental swallowing of tree ornaments and tree light bulbs.

“It was a great pleasure to work with Giant Food on this project. The Maryland Poison Center appreciated the opportunity to make the public even more aware of our services and expertise,” Anderson says.

“If people have any poisoning concerns or questions, they can call the Maryland Poison Center from anywhere in the state at 800-222-1222. Specialists in poison information are available, free of charge, 24 hours a day. Ten specialists cover the service and have an average of 10 years of experience managing poisoning cases,” Anderson says.

He adds that the MPC typically handles more than 4,000 calls a year during the weeks between mid-November and the New Year’s Day holiday.

Matthews emphasized “four simple steps” to food safety: clean, chill, separate, and cook so that the foods served at holiday events are safe and wholesome. People often forget the importance of washing hands and counter tops before preparing food, Matthews noted. Matthews also advised consumers to guard against allowing salads or raw fruit to become contaminated with bacteria from raw meat, poultry, or seafood.

# New Directors of Planned Giving, Regional Development Join OEA

LENA FLEMINGER

Christine Lambert, JD, joined the Office of External Affairs (OEA), on Dec. 8, as the new director of planned giving. On Nov. 8, Michael DeVito arrived as the director of regional development.

Lambert, an attorney, comes to UMB from The St. Joseph Foundation of the St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Md. While there, she served as the first director of gift planning and built the foundation’s infrastructure. With a strategic focus on marketing, and the cultivation and solicitation of planned gift donors, Lambert completed four charitable gift annuities in her first 6 months.

She also spent 5 years at the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP), as the first assistant director for the Office of Gift Planning. Lambert also served as the director of development in the College of Life Sciences. During her years at UMCP, Lambert developed and implemented comprehensive fund-raising strategies as she worked with donors, prospects, and staff from the 11 schools and colleges at UMCP to develop and implement planned giving approaches.

In the new position of director of regional development, Michael DeVito will collaborate closely with school- and unit-based development staff to shape strategies



Christine Lambert



Michael DeVito

for gift cultivation and solicitation. According to Mary Campion, associate vice president for development, DeVito comes well-qualified for such a position, given the 7 years he spent as the fund development supervisor of major gifts at the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International in Evanston, Ill. At the foundation, he managed six geographically based teams of major gift fund-raisers, as well as leadership volunteers for an endowment campaign. Most recently, DeVito was the director of alumni relations for St. Paul’s School for Boys in Brooklandville, Md. Alumni giving and participation increased for the first time in 5 years under DeVito’s leadership.

“The talent and expertise that Lambert and DeVito bring to the University will enhance and accelerate the work of the school- and unit-based development staffs,” says Campion.

FYI

UMB Advocacy Events in Annapolis

UMB students, faculty, staff, and alumni will have the opportunity to meet members of the Maryland legislature and participate in advocacy events during the 2005 session of the Maryland General Assembly in Annapolis. A number of events include professional associations:  
**Jan. 24:** School of Law, Annual Alumni Reception  
**Feb. 2:** Dental School, Maryland State Dental Association Dentist Day  
**Feb. 17:** School of Pharmacy, Maryland Pharmacy Coalition Pharmacy Day  
**Feb. 20–25:** Campus Showcase Week, weeklong event to showcase the campus  
**Feb. 22:** School of Nursing, Maryland Nurses Association briefing and reception  
**March 3:** School of Social Work, National Association of Social Workers Social Work Day

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Annapolis Courier Service

A one-way courier service from the University’s Government and Community Affairs Office in Annapolis to the Baltimore campus will operate during the 2005 session of the Maryland General Assembly. The service will be in effect from Thursday, Jan. 13 through Thursday, April 14. Mail will be picked up from 44 West St., Annapolis, and couriered to the two locations on the Baltimore campus specified below.

**Time and Days of Pick-Up in Annapolis**  
12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 44 West Street.

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Contacts for campus mail are Paul Crouse, 6-3700, or Larry Butler, 6-6619. Contact for UMMS mail is Ken Rayman, 8-6255.

**Nursing Dean on Healthy People Curriculum Task Force**  
School of Nursing Dean Janet Allan, PhD, RN, CS, FAAN, represents the American Association of Colleges of Nursing on the Healthy People Curriculum Task Force. The Association of Teachers of Preventive Medicine and the Association of Academic Health Centers convened the task force in 2003.

The group developed the Clinical Prevention and Population Health Curriculum Framework, the first structured and comprehensive curriculum agenda for integrating clinical prevention and population health into the education of students in all the health professions.

The task force’s mission is to meet the Healthy People 2010 goal of increasing the teaching of health promotion and disease prevention in health professions education programs. Allan was first author on the initial product of the Healthy People Curriculum Task Force, “Clinical Prevention and Population Health: Curriculum Framework for Health Professions,” published in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. U.S. Surgeon General Richard H. Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS, provided an accompanying commentary, “Healthy People Curriculum Task Force: A Commentary by the Surgeon General.”

Annual Balassone Memorial Lecture

MIKE LURIE

Bennis Helling, PharmD, FCCP, FASHP, an executive with Kaiser Permanente-Colorado Region, delivered the 2004 Francis Balassone Memorial Lecture on Nov. 16 before an audience of School of Pharmacy faculty and students.  
Helling’s lecture, “Are You Prepared to Impact Patient Care?” challenged students to consider the impact they can make in patient care if they focus on interpersonal skills with the patients they treat and the physicians with whom they work.

Helling is the executive director of pharmacy operations and therapeutics for Kaiser Permanente, a leading health maintenance organization, at its Denver office. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy and a fellow of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy and the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP).

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful and committed pharmacists can bring about change,” Helling told the audience.

In his work in Colorado, Helling has found that the demand for pharmacist expertise has increased in three specific areas: diabetes care, treatment of coronary artery disease, and improving anti-coagulation management.

To address these and other health concerns, pharmacy operations can become stronger by having superior information technology, Helling said. Moreover, young pharmacists today should embrace the notion of closely consulting with physicians.

“My greatest chore right now is keeping up with demand for pharmacists from physicians in their medical practices,” Helling said.

Regardless of how this demand is growing, Helling believes that demonstrating strong interpersonal skills is key to success as a pharmacist. The ability to communicate

amicably and effectively with patients, physicians, and nurses will be the strongest determinant in whether a pharmacist is successful, he said.

While welcoming their increased importance to health care maintenance, Helling said pharmacists should have no doubt they will continue to play a leading role in improving care for patients when patients are discharged from hospitals.

“Our health care system drops the baton in terms of making quality health care provisions for our patients,” he said. “These expanded roles of pharmacists are real, both in the real world, and in the margins of profit and loss.”

“Dennis Helling has been successful at Kaiser because he impacts patient care by attracting health professionals who demonstrate interpersonal skills, flexibility, and adaptability, and a team approach to solving problems. He supports innovative roles for pharmacists by differentiating specialized functions that are fiscally sustainable. Above all, he expects dazzling patient service,” says Cynthia Boyle, PharmD, director of the School of Pharmacy’s Experiential Learning Program.

Helling is a past recipient of the St. Louis College of Pharmacy Distinguished Alumnus Award, the 2002 Distinguished Coloradan Award, and the 2002 ASHP Best Practice Award.

The annual Balassone Lecture is named for Francis S. Balassone, who earned a BS in pharmacy from the School in 1940. He was a chemist and executive with two Baltimore drug firms before becoming owner of the Overlea Pharmacy in 1951. Balassone was a leader in the development of state drug laws, including the Maryland Controlled Dangerous Substance Act. Under his leadership, Maryland became the first state in the nation to replace the traditional pharmacy internship with an academic professional experience program.

Dental School Reorganizes

REGINA L. DAVIS

As of Jan. 1, the Dental School has reorganized to better serve patients and educate students. A new Clinical Operations Board now oversees all facets of the School’s patient clinics. This new five-person board is creating a more “hospital-like” environment for patients, staff, and students alike.

“We are, in essence, creating a dental hospital,” says Dean Christian S. Stohler, DMD, DrMed Dent.

Through these changes, patients will realize greater efficiency and even better customer service. According to Stohler, this change marks a first for dental schools in the United States. “The new structure will help identify and address areas that will allow us to deliver optimal patient care, provide an exceptional framework for students, and facilitate an ideal work environment for clinic staff,” says Stohler.

This reorganization is a positive change, and is not designed to eliminate any positions, notes Stohler. It is more likely that the School will need to add more staff in the future, he adds.

The new board consists of Harry Goodman, DMD, chair and executive director of community programs; George

Williams, DDS, executive director, clinical programs administration; David George, DDS, executive director, clinical affairs; Louis DePaola, DDS, executive director,

biosafety and continuous quality improvement; and Roger Eldridge, DDS, executive director, special patient programs. Board members are meeting with consultants to fine-tune key areas of responsibility, all in an effort to ensure a smooth and effective transition.

Academic, student-focused operations will continue to be administered by the appropriate associate deans and department chairs. Both the academic component and the clinic board will report to Stohler. Open forums with the dean were held in November for faculty, staff, and students to learn more about how this change would affect the School.



Christian Stohler



CALENDAR

**Jan. 13:** School of Social Work MSW Admissions Information Seminar. 10 a.m.–noon. Social Work Building. Those interested in attending the School of Social Work are encouraged to attend to get questions answered, see the School, and hear important information. For more information, call 6-7992.

**Jan. 20:** School of Social Work PhD Program Information Session. 5:30–7:30 p.m. Social Work Building. Sessions allow interested students to visit the School, meet and talk with faculty, and learn more about PhD program opportunities. For more information, call 6-7960.

**Jan. 25:** Graduate School Seminar: Using Science to Change Public Policy and Improve Public Health. 8:30–10 a.m., continental breakfast served at 8 a.m., Room 211, Allied Health Building. Free and open to the public. Lecture features Stephen W. Havas, MD, professor, Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, School of Medicine. For more information, contact Mary Fish at 6-8323 or [mfish@umaryland.edu](mailto:mfish@umaryland.edu).

**Jan. 26:** School of Medicine Council Meeting. 3–4 p.m. Medical School Teaching Facility Auditorium. All are welcome to attend.

**Feb. 2:** School of Social Work Meet the Faculty Night. 6–8 p.m. Social Work Building. Those interested in attending the School are encouraged to attend. Those in attendance will be able to get questions answered, see the School, and hear important information. For more information, call 6-7992.

2005 Holiday Schedule

Holiday leave may be used at any time after it is earned and may be scheduled to meet the operational needs of a school or department.

Holiday	Date Earned	Normal Date Observed
New Year's Day	Jan. 1, 2005	Dec. 31, 2004
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Jan. 17	Jan. 17
Lincoln's Birthday	Feb. 12	Floater
Presidents' Day	Feb. 21	Dec. 27
Maryland Day	March 25	Floater
Good Friday	March 25*	Floater
Memorial Day	May 30	May 30
Independence Day	July 4	July 4
Labor Day	Sept. 5	Sept. 5
Columbus Day	Oct. 10	Dec. 29
Veterans Day	Nov. 11	Dec. 30
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 24	Nov. 24
Thanksgiving Break	Nov. 25	Nov. 25
Christmas Day	Dec. 25	Dec. 26**
New Year's Day	Jan. 1, 2006	Jan. 2, 2006**

*\*Two floaters occur on the same day in 2005 (March 25); one Floater will be used to cover one of the holidays during the winter break.*

*\*\*Christmas Day 2005 and New Year's Day 2006 occur on a Sunday. University policy provides for observance of the holiday on the Monday after the occurrence.*

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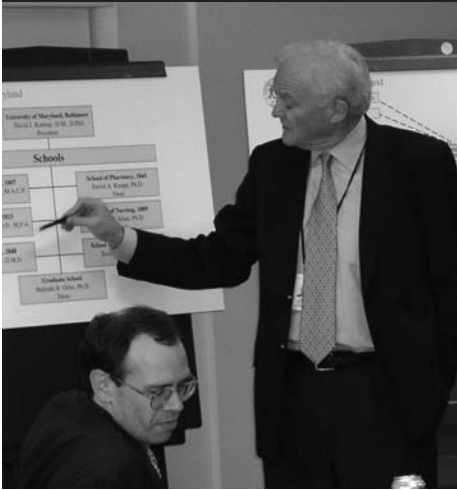
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